(v) घोर लापरवाही के कारण होने वाली दुर्घटनाओं के लिये जिम्मेदार पाये जाने वाले कर्मचारियों को निवारक दण्ड देना।

(vi) कर्मचारियों के लिये शैक्षणिक अभियान चलाना तथा सड़क उपयोगकर्ता के लिये प्रचार करना।

(vii) मानवीय चूकों की जवाबी-जांच के रूप में परिष्कृत प्रौद्योगिकी अपनाना।

Sale/purchase of women

3584. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the alleged sale/purchase of women in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRl P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 as amended in 1978 and 1986 is applicable to all the States and Union Territories. The Act prohibits among other things (i) living on the earnings of prostitution (ii) procuring, inducing or taking women or girls for the sake of prostitution and (iii) detaining of women or girl on premises where prostitution is carried on.

The Act also provides for the setting up of "Protective Homes" in which women and girls, who are in need of care and protection may be kept and where appropriate technically qualified persons, equipment and other facilities are provided. By the amendments made to this Act in 1978 and 1986, the penal provisions contained therein have been made more stringent and effective. It is for the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to implement this Act meaningfully and effectively.

Telephone directory of Assam

3585. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAK RAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for inordinate delay in making the telephone directories in Assam up-to-date;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that in many district towns in Assam telephone directories were printed way back in 1977 and have not been replaced in spite of the customers' demand; and

(c) by when up-to-date directories will be provided in the districts and sub-divisional towns in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Issue of railway passes

3586. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleas-ed to state:

(a) whether railways have given free passes to some special categories of persons on Western Railway like freedom fighters, Poets, Social workers, Artists during lst Januay, 1987 to 31st October, 1987;

(b) if so, the details thereof;